

**Attachment 17:**  
**Notification of Native Americans**



Monday, March 12, 2001

**VIA FAX: (916) 657-5390**

Rob Wood  
Native American Heritage Commission  
915 Capitol Mall, Room 364  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Native American Heritage Commission Notification Letter  
Larkspur Energy Facility – CEC Docket #01-EP-1 (San Diego County)  
Indigo Energy Facility – CEC Docket # 01-EP-2 (Riverside County)

Dear Mr. Wood:

We are planning to develop two (2) energy-generating facilities in California:

1. The Larkspur Energy Facility will be 2 - 45MW simple cycle gas fired generating facilities with a combined nominal capacity of 90MW. These two facilities will be located in San Diego County near San Ysidro / Highway 8; and
2. The Indigo Energy Facility will be 3 - 45MW simple cycle gas fired generating facilities with a combined nominal capacity of 135MW. These three facilities will be located in Riverside County within the City limits of Palm Springs north of Interstate 10 (see attached vicinity map).

We are planning to begin construction of these facilities before the end of March 2001, and are in the process of submitting our applications to the California Energy Commission. One requirement of the application process is to properly notify any interested Native American communities in proximity to the proposed facilities.

Therefore, please provide us with the appropriate notification list as soon as possible. Thank you very much for your cooperation and immediate attention to this matter. Please contact me at (713) 374-3914 if you have any questions regarding this request.

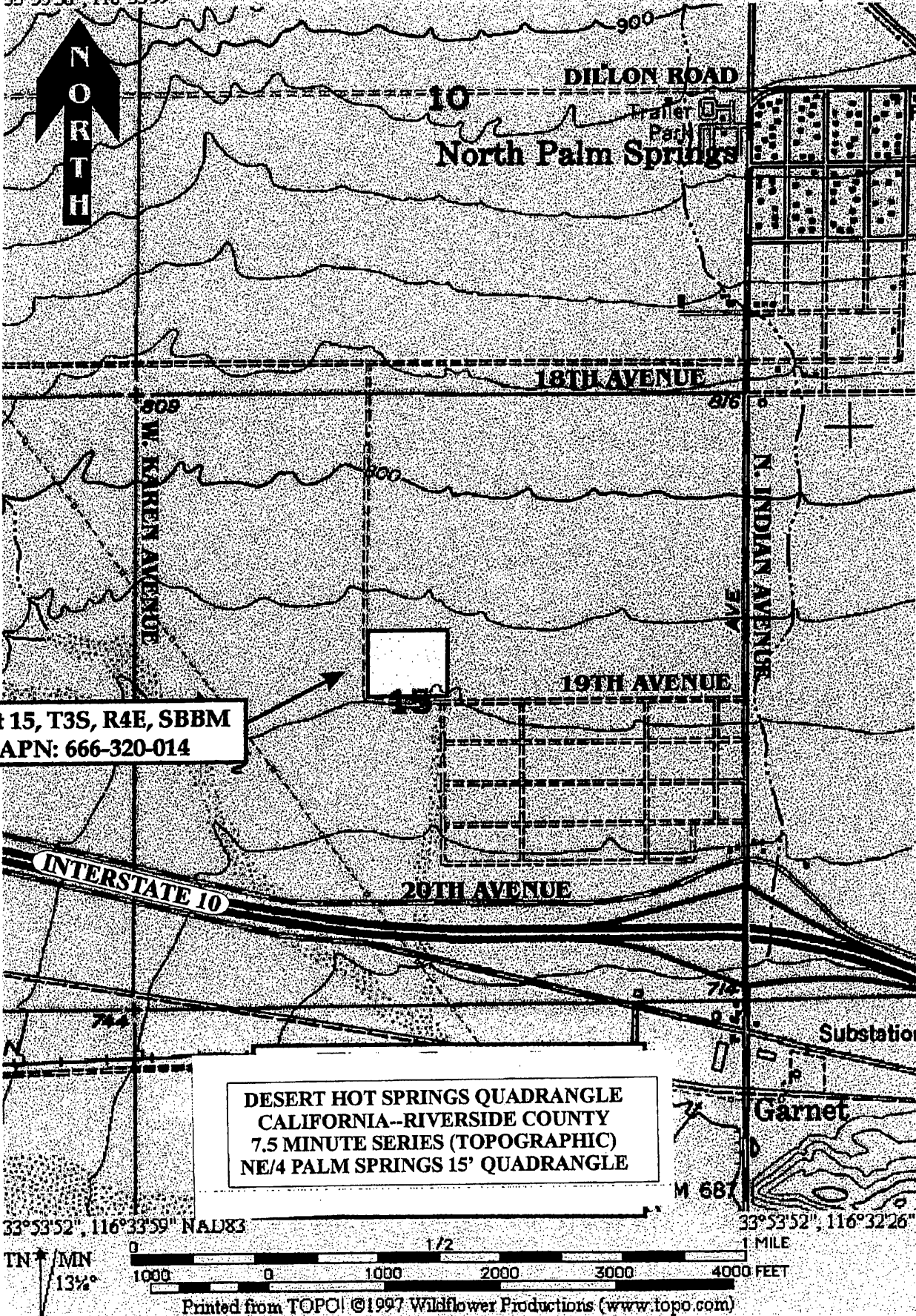
Sincerely,

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Mark Turner  
Project Development Manager

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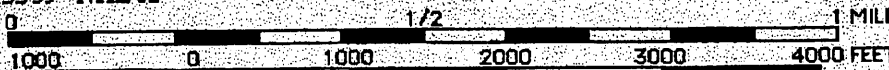
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DESERT HOT SPRINGS QUADRANGLE  
CALIFORNIA--RIVERSIDE COUNTY  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
NE/4 PALM SPRINGS 15' QUADRANGLE

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Fax (916) 657-5390



March 12, 2001

Mark Turner  
Wildflower Energy LP  
Two Houston Center  
909 Fannin, Suite 2222  
Houston, TX 77002

RE: Larkspur Energy Facility - CEC Docket #01-EP-1 (San Diego County); Indigo Energy  
Facility - CEC Docket #01-EP-2 (Riverside County)

Sent By Fax: (713) 374-3901  
Pages Sent: 5

Dear Mr. Turner:

A record search of the Sacred Lands File has failed to indicate the presence of Native American cultural resources in the immediate project area. The absence of specific site information in the sacred lands file does not indicate the absence of cultural resources in any project area. Other sources of cultural resources should also be contacted for information regarding known and recorded sites.

Enclosed is a list of Native Americans individuals/organizations who may have knowledge of cultural resources in the project area. The Commission makes no recommendation or preference of a single individual, or group over another. This list should provide a starting place in locating areas of potential adverse impact within the proposed project area. I suggest you contact all of those indicated, if they cannot supply information, they might recommend other with specific knowledge. A minimum of two weeks must be allowed for responses after notification.

If you receive notification of change of addresses and phone numbers from any these individuals or groups, please notify me. With your assistance we are able to assure that our lists contain current information. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (916) 653-4040.

Sincerely,

Rob Wood  
Associate Governmental Program Analyst

**NATIVE AMERICAN CONTACTS**  
**Riverside County**  
**March 12, 2001**

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians  
Richard Milanovich, Chairperson  
960 E. Tahquitz Way, #106 Cahuilla  
Palm Springs, C A 92262  
(619) 325-5673  
(619) 325-0593 Fax

Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians  
Art Lopez, Chairperson  
PO Box 1160 Cahuilla  
Thermal, C A 92274  
(760) 397-0300  
(760) 397-8146 Fax

Cabazon Band of Mission Indians  
John A. James, Chairperson  
84-245 Indio Springs Drive Cahuilla  
Indio, C A 92201  
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Alvino Siva  
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Banning, C A 92220  
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Cahuilla Band of Mission Indians  
Michelle Salgado, Spokesperson  
P.O. Box 391760 Cahuilla  
Anza, C A 92539  
(909) 763-5549  
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Katherine Saubel  
P.O. Box 373 Cahuilla  
Banning, C A 92220  
(909) 849-8304

Morongo Band of Mission Indians  
Mary Ann Andreas, Chairperson  
11581 Potrero Rd. Cahuilla  
Banning, C A 92220  
(909) 849-4697/98  
(909) 849-4425 Fax

Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians  
Ernest Morreo  
PO Box 1160 Cahuilla  
Thermal, C A 92274  
(760) 397-0300  
(760) 397-8146 Fax

Ramona Band of Mission Indians  
Joseph Hamilton, Representative  
P.O. Box 391670 Cahuilla  
Anza, C A 92539  
(909) 487-0822

Anthony J. Andreas, Jr.  
3022 W. Nicolet Street Cahuilla  
Banning, C A 92220  
(909) 849-3844

**This list is current only as of the date of this document.**

**Distribution of this list does not relieve any person of statutory responsibility as defined in Section 7050.5 of the Health and Safety Code, Section 5097.94 of the Public Resources Code and Section 5097.98 of the Public Resources Code.**

**This list is only applicable for contacting local Native Americans with regards to the cultural assessment for the proposed Wildflower Energy LP, Indigo Energy Facility, City of Palm Springs, Riverside County.**

**NATIVE AMERICAN CONTACTS**  
**Riverside County**  
**March 12, 2001**

Santa Rosa Band of Mission Indians  
Anthony Largo, Spokesman  
325 N. Western Avenue      Cahuilla  
Hemet, CA 92343

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- ✓ Contact the Native American Heritage Commission for:
  - A Sacred Lands File Check.
  - A list of appropriate Native American Contacts for consultation concerning the project site and to assist in developing mitigation measures.
- ✓ Provisions for accidental discovery of archeological resources:
  - ◆ Lack of surface evidence of archeological resources does not preclude the existence of archeological resources. Lead agencies should include provisions for accidentally discovered archeological resources during construction per CEQA §15064.5 (f).
- ✓ Provisions for discovery of Native American human remains
  - ◆ Health and Safety Code §7050.5, CEQA §15064.5 (e), and Public Resources Code §5097.98 mandates the process to be followed in the event of an accidental discovery of any human remains in a location other than a dedicated cemetery and should be included in all environmental documents.

If in fact adequate work to assess the presence of archeological resources in compliance with CEQA has not been completed, as outlined above, the NAHC requests that the project be suspended until that work has been completed. Furthermore, the NAHC request that a certified archeologist be immediately contracted to identify site boundaries, assess the site for damage and the presence of Native American human remains, and to develop a plan for site restoration/stabilization and/or a data recovery as appropriate. Please submit your plans for review and evaluation by NAHC staff prior to the beginning of any work.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 653-4040.

Sincerely,

Rob Wood  
Associate Governmental Program Analyst

CC: Ms. Suzanne Ambrose, Deputy Attorney General  
Department of Justice  
Ms. Rebecca Stewart  
California Regional Water Resources Control Board  
San Diego Region IX

Knox Mellon  
Office of Historic Preservation

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Richard Milanovich, Chairperson  
960 E. Tahquitz Way, #106  
Palm Springs, CA 92262  
619-325-5673  
619-325-0593 fax

RE: Indigo Energy Facility – CEC Docket # 01-EP-2 (Riverside County)

Dear Mr. Milanovich:

On Monday, March 12, 2001, we contacted Rob Wood of the Native American Heritage Commission to determine whether or not our proposed development of 3 – 45MW simple cycle gas-fired generating facilities to be located within the City limits of Palm Springs – North of Interstate 10, East of N. Indian Avenue, South of Dillon Road, and West of Karen Avenue in the County of Riverside would affect any Native American cultural resources that may be present. According to the records of the Native American Heritage Commission, there is no specific site information in the sacred lands file with respect to our project area (see attached vicinity map).

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Sincerely,

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Mark Turner  
Project Manager  
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John A. James, Chairperson  
84-245 Indio Springs Drive  
Indio, CA 92201  
760-342-2593  
760-347-7880 fax

RE: Indigo Energy Facility – CEC Docket # 01-EP-2 (Riverside County)

Dear Mr. James:

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Cahuilla Band of Mission Indians  
Michelle Salgado, Spokesperson  
P.O. Box 391760  
Anza, CA 92539  
909-763-5549  
909-763-2808 fax

RE: Indigo Energy Facility – CEC Docket # 01-EP-2 (Riverside County)

Dear Ms Salgado:

On Monday, March 12, 2001, we contacted Rob Wood of the Native American Heritage Commission to determine whether or not our proposed development of 3 – 45MW simple cycle gas-fired generating facilities to be located within the City limits of Palm Springs – North of Interstate 10, East of N. Indian Avenue, South of Dillon Road, and West of Karen Avenue in the County of Riverside would affect any Native American cultural resources that may be present. According to the records of the Native American Heritage Commission, there is no specific site information in the sacred lands file with respect to our project area (see attached vicinity map).

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Morongo Band of Mission Indians  
Mary Ann Andreas, Chairperson  
11581 Potrero Rd.  
Banning, CA 92220

RE: Indigo Energy Facility – CEC Docket # 01-EP-2 (Riverside County)

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Ramona Band of Mission Indians  
Joseph Hamilton, Representative  
P.O. Box 391670  
Anza, CA 92539

RE: Indigo Energy Facility – CEC Docket # 01-EP-2 (Riverside County)

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

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Tuesday, March 13, 2001

Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians  
Art Lopez, Chairperson  
PO Box 1160  
Thermal, CA 92274

RE: Indigo Energy Facility – CEC Docket # 01-EP-2 (Riverside County)

Dear Mr. Lopez:

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Alvino Silva  
2034 W. Westward  
Banning, CA 92220

RE: Indigo Energy Facility – CEC Docket # 01-EP-2 (Riverside County)

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Tuesday, March 13, 2001

Katherine Saubel  
P.O. Box 373  
Banning, CA 92220

RE: Indigo Energy Facility – CEC Docket # 01-EP-2 (Riverside County)

Dear Ms. Saubel:

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Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians  
Ernest Morreo  
PO Box 1160  
Thermal, CA 92274

RE: Indigo Energy Facility – CEC Docket # 01-EP-2 (Riverside County)

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3022 W. Nicolet Street  
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Anthony Largo, Spokesman  
325 N. Western Avenue  
Hemet, CA 92343

RE: Indigo Energy Facility – CEC Docket # 01-EP-2 (Riverside County)

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Tuesday, March 13, 2001

Kumeyaay Cultural Repatriation Committee  
Steve Banegas, Spokesperson  
1095 Barona Road  
Lakeside, CA 2040

RE: Larkspur Energy Facility – CEC Docket # 01-EP-1 (San Diego County)

Dear Mr. Banegas:

On Monday, March 12, 2001, we contacted Rob Wood of the Native American Heritage Commission to determine whether or not our proposed development of 2 – 45MW simple cycle gas-fired generating facilities to be located within the City limits of San Diego at the intersection of Otay Mesa Road and Harvest Road in the County of San Diego would affect any Native American cultural resources that may be present. According to the records of the Native American Heritage Commission, there is no specific site information in the sacred lands file with respect to our project area (see attached vicinity map).

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